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News Release

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Groundbreaking for Sequiota Park, Waterway Improvements

The City of Springfield and Springfield-Greene County Park Board will host an informational announcement and groundbreaking at 4:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8 at Sequiota Park, 3500 S. Lone Pine, for the second in a series of Lake, Waterway and Stream Improvement projects in historic parks.

Tours of the project will be provided for the public and media beginning at 3:30 p.m. and will continue immediately following the 4:30 p.m. event.

The \$1.8 million Sequiota Park waterway improvements will provide a stable, safe and attractive channel for Galloway Creek, while focusing on sustainability and environmental protection to the natural water environment throughout the park. Funding for the project is provided by the 2006 County-wide Parks Sales Tax.

The multi-purpose project includes: upgrading deteriorated bridges across Galloway Creek channel, near the cave and at the lake spillway; reconstruction of the channel to be safer and more attractive; cleaning and enhancements to Sequiota Park Lake to improve quality and functionality; and additional parking for the popular park destination. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2011.

Tree preservation and protection of the historic park will remain a priority throughout the project. Area groups, including Tree City USA, Greater Ozarks Audubon Society, Ozark Greenways, Greene County Historical Society and others have been a part of the planning process, and will be represented at Monday's event.

In addition, natural and native materials will be used throughout the project. Pervious concrete also will be used to reduce runoff from the new parking lot. Wildlife will be managed in accordance with recommendations from the Missouri Department of Conservation. **The park and greenway trail will remain open to the public at all times.**

The General Contractor for the project is Hartman & Co., with design and architecture services provided by Olsson Associates. Look for project updates and photos at <http://mo-springfield.civicplus.com/626/Sequoiota-Park>.

Completion of a first major milestone of similar improvements happening with the Fassnight Park Waterway Improvement Project also will occur on Nov. 8 with the completion of the new Campbell Avenue bridge over Fassnight Creek and re-opening of Campbell Avenue between Sunshine and Grand Streets.

Similar Lakes, Waterways and Stream Improvement projects are planned for Doling and Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Parks, Dickerson Park Zoo and the Ward Branch Greenway in the future.

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